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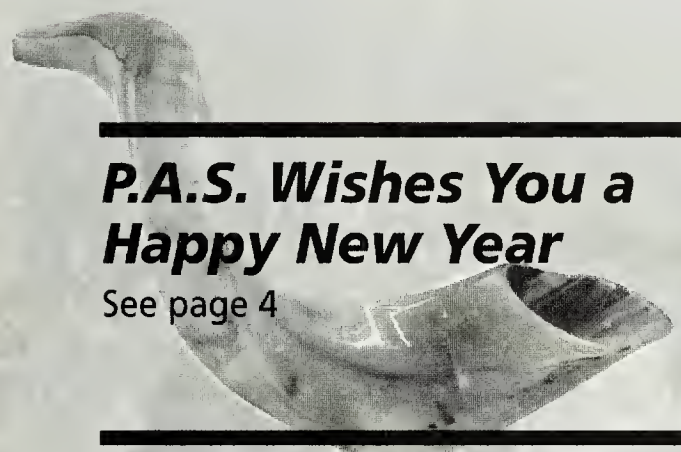

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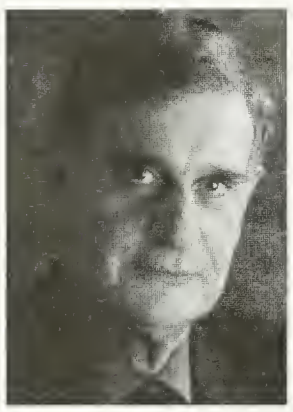
From the Rabbi's Desk

A scholar from Jerusalem, Mordecai Beck, wrote an article about Rosh Hashanah in the London Jewish Chronicle, some of which I quote hereunder as my message wishing the Congregation a blessed year:

Uniquely for the biblical festivals, *Rosh Hashanah* falls at the beginning of a month – the seventh month of *Tishri*.

Since the Hebrew calendar is rooted in the lunar cycle, this means that the New Year occurs at the nadir of the month, when the moon is completely hidden from the human eye and when the universe itself seems to have plunged into a fearsome obscurity.



Among the sages, there is an unresolved Talmudic dispute (*Rosh Hashanah 11a*) regarding the origins of the universe. Rabbi Yehoshua proclaims it to have been in *Nissan*, while Rabbi Eliezar supports *Tishri*, exactly six lunar months later. The Hebrew calendar, as it evolved over the centuries, allowed both months to receive some form of recognition.

Nissan commemorates the birth of the Jewish people in the dark womb of ancient Egypt. It becomes a New Year by virtue of the specific meaning that the *Torah* gives it, as "the first of the months," the one by which all the biblical festivals are set.

Tishri celebrates the birth of Man - though, to be sagacious about it, *Rosh Hashanah* should take place six days beforehand, to commemorate the creation of heaven and earth. By this reckoning, the first of *Tishri* marks the sixth day of creation, when Adam was formed from Jerusalem's virgin soil.

Moonless *Rosh Hashanah* presents all humanity with an image of radical uncertainty. That is our common lot, whatever our faith, or lack of it. *Tishri* confronts us with the profoundness of our frail mortality.

Rosh Hashanah means literally, "the head of the year," the beginning of time. Just as the head unites within it all our thoughts, so *Rosh Hashanah* contains within it all the potential for the coming year. It is purposely clothed in the darkness of the planet, challenging us with our future responsibilities.

In the Breslov Hassidic community, they are fond of quoting a *Talmudic* saying: "One must be happy on *Rosh Hashanah*, and yet one must also cry."

I pray that each of us will be blessed with a happy year, and if we do cry for humankind as yet unredeemed, let us not just weep, but rather resolve to do our bit for the world's improvement.

David H. Lincoln
Senior Rabbi

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES
September 2004

Friday evening, September 3 ..... 6:15 pm
Saturday morning, September 4
- Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am
- *Minha* ..... 6:00 pm

Friday evening, September 10 ..... 6:15 pm

Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, September 11
- Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Maxine Tannenbaum, daughter of Laura & George Tannenbaum

- *Havurah* Service ..... 9:30 am
- *Minha* ..... 6:00 pm
- *Selihot* Program & Service ..... 8:30 pm

Guest Speaker, Dr. Benjamin Segal

Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 15
- *Minha/Maariv* ..... 6:00 pm

First Day of *Rosh Hashanah*, September 16 ..... 8:30 am
- Connections Service ..... 10:00 am
- Tashlich ..... 4:30 pm
- *Minha/Maariv* ..... 6:00 pm

Second Day of *Rosh Hashanah*, September 17 ..... 8:30 am
- Connections Service ..... 10:00 am

Friday Evening, September 17 ..... 6:15 pm

Shabbat Shuvah, Saturday, September 18
- *Hashkama* Service ..... 7:30 am
- Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Pearl, son of Diane & Todd Pearl

- Havurah Service ..... 9:30 am
- *Minha/Maariv* ..... 6:00 pm

Erev Yom Kippur, Friday, September 24
- *Minha* ..... 1:30 pm
- *Kol Nidre* Service ..... 6:30 pm
- *Kol Nidre* Connections Service ..... 6:30 pm

Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 25 ..... 9:00 am
- Connections Service ..... 10:00 am

Erev Sukkot, Wednesday, September 29 ..... 5:45 pm

Followed by High School Dinner in the *Sukkah**

Sukkot, Thursday, September 30
- *Hashkama* Service ..... 7:30 am
- Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am
- Service ..... 5:45 pm

Followed by Men's Club Dinner in the *Sukkah**

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the High Holy Days Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

*Reservations required

From the Chairman

It is July (the Bulletin deadline is very early for the September edition), and I am in Israel. I have just spent a week in Haifa and Jerusalem with a program sponsored by the Wexner Heritage Foundation. As this is our special Israel year, I thought I would use my Chairman's column to share with all of you my experiences of the last week.

The theme of my trip was the People of Israel, the Land of Israel and the Torah in Israel, with a focus on dilemmas in contemporary Israel. The program was an amazing one. Each day we examined an issue of tremendous interest including religious diversity, Jewish-Arab relations with Haifa as a case study, and Israeli political controversies. Speakers ranged from the Mayor of Haifa, to a spokesperson for the Jewish residents of Judea, Sumaria and Gaza, to the project manager in charge of building the security fence. I learned a great deal from each speaker and from visiting the sites that augmented each of the speaker's remarks.

I have been fortunate to travel to Israel before, but what distinguished this trip from others I have taken was a special two-day component with Israelis, most of whom were in their 40's and 50's and had professional and personal lives similar to many of the members of our Congregation. I had greatly anticipated this aspect of my trip to explore the ties that bind us as one Jewish nation, to find out how the Israelis feel about the huge drop in tourism, and to see what life has been like for them these last few years of the latest intifada. In many conversations, we explored these issues and others, such as whether Americans have the right to influence the Israeli political system and, conversely, should Israelis lobby American Jews to vote for the Presidential candidate whom they feel will be best for Israel. Most remarkable was the ease of our conversations exemplified by two of the people I spoke with at great length. The first was the secretary of the Israeli negotiating team under Ehud Barak at Camp David. He has just formed a "think-tank" to examine Israeli political decisions with the prism of long-term consequences. He offers his findings to members of the *Knesset* and their administrative staffs, and to relevant government agencies. He will be in our home in August, and we hope that for many years to come he will be a frequent visitor. The other Israeli is a mother of four who recently retired from 20 years in the army overseeing programs that dealt with the mental health of Israeli soldiers. Returning to full-time civilian life, she has just opened a new mental health facility to help clients feel productive by making baby furniture and working in a boutique to "sell" clothes to the mentally disabled. After discussing her professional life, we talked about her children; one will enter the army in September and the other three will soon follow. She worries about their safety during their army service and about their Jewish identity. We discussed the choices we are making as parents to ensure that our children will feel about Judaism as we do. At the end of our time together, I had made a friend. I was reassured that we are one Jewish people with the same concerns for our Jewish future.

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Equally enlightening was an afternoon spent exploring Jewish education for the next generations. The session began with speaking to American USYers after their first visit to the *Kotel*, the Western Wall. They were ages 15, 16 and 17, and from all over the United States. Hearing their words and seeing their faces was remarkable. Many were moved to tears as they talked about their emotions upon seeing the Wall. Findings presented by the professional in charge of Israel experiences confirmed what I had seen. Studies show that Israel travel influences Jewish identity for life. Bottom line, there is no greater gift you can give to the continuity of the Jewish people than having your child visit Israel.

The final *Shabbat*, my husband, Bob, and I went to the Wall for Friday night services. In front of us were 2,000 years of Jewish history and a mass of our fellow Jews from all over the world, observing their Judaism in all ways imaginable. There we met our daughter who was participating in an eight-week trip to Poland and Israel. It was her first Friday night in Jerusalem. Sharing that moment with her was an experience unmatched with any other.

In December, on our Synagogue's trip to Israel, we will have this experience again, not only with our 16-year-old daughter, but also with our sons, aged 22 and 20. I know this will be a safe, remarkable, unique experience to travel not only with my family, but with my community. I hope that you will be there, too. My best wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy New Year and for peace for Jews everywhere.

Amy A.B. Bressman
Chairman

Sacred Spirit in Each of Us

With the sounding of the *Shofar* each morning now, as a prelude to *Selihot* and the High Holy Days, we contemporary Jews join with hundreds of generations of our ancestors in a spiritual awakening and examination of our potential. The *ruach* (spirit) of our services comes from the renewed spirit each of us brings to it. This is a time to appreciate the blessings of our lives and to refresh our outlook. The cycle of *Chagim* (holidays) and their associated prayers offer us opportunities for growth and renewal, when we avail

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ourselves. Our synagogue's doors can be wide open to enriching our lives, if our hearts and minds are receptive.

I have had the precious opportunity, during the past two years, to be in the first group of cantors training with the Institute of Jewish Spirituality. This program, initially begun with several groups of rabbis, enables our leaders to bring traditional Jewish teachings of mindfulness and greater awareness of God to our prayer experience, study and daily living. Now, the first cohort of Jewish educators has begun as well, and a second group of cantors will begin the program next summer. In addition, a selection of lay leaders will participate in an introductory spirituality weekend next summer.

For me, much new meaning has opened up in prayer and biblical texts that I have known since childhood. In the months ahead, I will be sharing some of my thoughts with you. As we all begin to recite the *Selihot* and High Holy Day passages in the weeks ahead, I offer the hope that we open ourselves to the meaningful significance of our prayers, and to the new possibilities this openness might bring to our lives!

David Lefkowitz
Senior Cantor

In Celebration of the High Holy Days

Selihot Program & Service

Before the High Holy Days it is customary to study and pray late at night to feel closer to God. To raise your Jewish consciousness for the coming days, come to our *Selihot* lecture and service on **Saturday, September 11 at 8:30 pm**. Guest speaker Rabbi Benjamin Segal, President of *Melitz*, the Center for Jewish Zionist Education, based in Jerusalem, affiliated with J.T.S., will speak on "A Stone's Throw Away-A View From Contemporary Israel." Formerly president of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and director of the Ramah Programs in Israel, Rabbi Segal made *aliyah* in 1973 and is the author of numerous books and publications.

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is both a solemn and a festive occasion. Its joy is spiritually disciplined by the sacred traditions of home and synagogue. Although the observance of the High Holy Days is centered in the synagogue, it is in the home where family members prepare to meet the New Year in a spirit of faith and in a

High Holy Days 5765 Youth Services

Rosh Hashanah	***(RH1)***	Thursday, September 16, 2004
Rosh Hashanah	***(RH2)***	Friday, September 17, 2004
Kol Nidre	***(KN)***	Friday, September 24, 2004
Yom Kippur	***(YK)***	Saturday, September 25, 2004

Age Group	**Time**
Tots (1 ½-3)*	*RH1, RH2, YK* 11:15 AM-12:00 PM, *KN* 6:30-7:15 PM
Nursery (3-4 ½)*	*RH1, RH2, YK* 11:00 AM-12:00 PM, *KN* 6:30-8:00 PM
PreK-Gan (4 ½ - 5)*	*RH1, RH2, YK* 10:15 AM- 12: 00 PM, *KN* 6:30-8:00 PM
Alef-Bet (6-7)**	*RH1, RH2, YK* 10:15 AM- 12: 00 PM, *KN* 6:30-8:00 PM
Gimel-Dalet (8-9)***	*RH1, RH2, YK* 10:15 AM- 12: 00 PM, *KN* 6:30-8:00 PM
Hay-Vav (10-11)***	*RH1, RH2, YK* 10:15 AM- 12: 00 PM, *KN* 6:30-8:00 PM
7th – 9th Grade***	*RH1, YK* 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, *KN* 6:30-8:00 PM
10th Grade – 12th Grade***	*RH1, YK* 10:30 AM-1:00 PM, *KN* 6:30-8:00 PM

* An adult is required to accompany each child at these services.

** Adult accompaniment of children in this service is optional. Parents must pick up their children promptly at the end of the youth service; children will not be dismissed on their own.

***Adults are kindly asked *not* to accompany children in these services. Parents must pick up their children promptly at the end of the youth service. Children will not be dismissed on their own.

Please note:

1. *There will be no child care provided this year.* We are offering more youth services than in the past so that there is an appropriate worship opportunity for children of every age from 1½ years and up. Kindly make your own babysitting arrangements for younger children.
2. If your child is in an age group for which there are multiple services taking place, please join a service that is not yet filled to capacity.
3. There will be no services for 7th-12th Grade students on *RH2*.
4. College students will participate in the *P.A.S. Connections* service this year.

mood conducive to prayer and soul-searching.

White is thought of as the color that symbolizes purity and joy. Thus, the table is set with a white tablecloth and flowers, candles and wine. Round *hallot* symbolizing a full round year, and apples and a dish of honey for a sweet year, complete the symbolic representations on the holiday table.

The family gathers together for the lighting of the candles and *Kiddush*, which precede the festive meal on both nights of *Rosh Hashanah*. The following blessings are recited over the candles:

> *Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.*
>
> Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, whose *mitzvot* add holiness to our lives, and who gave us the *mitzvah* to kindle light for the Festival.
>
> *Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, sheheheyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.*
>
> Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

After the *Rosh Hashanah Kiddush*, the *Motzi* is recited over the round *hallah*:

> *Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, hamotzi lehem min ha-aretz.*
>
> Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Then all the members of the family dip the apple in honey and recite the following blessing and prayer:

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> *Yehi ratzon milefanekhah Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu, shetehadesh aleiynu shanah tovah umetukah.*
>
> May it be Thy Will, O Lord our God, to renew unto us a happy and sweet New Year.

After the morning services of *Rosh Hashanah*, a festive meal is also eaten, preceded by daytime *Kiddush* and the *Motzi*:

> *Tiku vahodesh shofar, bakeseh l'yom hagenu, kihok l'Yisraelhu, mishpat l'Elohey Yaaqkov.*
>
> *Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, borei pri hagafen.*

The greeting on *Rosh Hashanah* is *L'Shanah Tovah Tikatavu* – May you be inscribed for a good year.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is the one religious occasion that is observed entirely in the synagogue. But the meal that precedes the fast of *Erev Yom Kippur*, is intended to be a spiritual experience for the entire family. The meal is eaten early, so that the family can be in the synagogue before sundown.

Following the *Birkat haMazon* – the grace after meals – the holiday candles are lit and the following blessings are recited:

> *Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom HaKippurim.*
>
> Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by The Commandments and has commanded us to kindle the *Yom Kippur* lights.
>
> *Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, sheheheyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.*
>
> Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

- **Fasting**

Although children are not obligated to fast until they are *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* age, it is a tradition that they do observe the fast in part to the extent that they are able to.

Self-denial in food and other physical pleasures is part of the tradition of this "Sabbath of Sabbaths." However, Jewish law and tradition state that the maintenance of life and health is a prime religious duty. If a person is ill or weak, it is the obligation of the individual to consult a physician on the wisdom of fasting.

- **Memorial Lights**

It is a custom to light a Memorial Light for the deceased in each family. Memorial Lights must be lit before the holiday candles are lit.

- **Blessing the Children**

It is the tradition that before leaving for the *Kol Nidre* service, parents bless their children by placing their hands on the head of each one. Such blessings are introduced by the following prayer, to which parents can add words of their own, appropriate for the age and needs of each child:

> **For Sons:** May God make you a true, faithful and honorable son of Israel, as were Ephraim and Menasseh, the sons of Joseph.
>
> **For Daughters:** May God make you a faithful and honorable daughter of Israel, as were our mothers Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

- **Forgiveness**

Just before leaving the house to attend the *Kol Nidre* service, members of the family ask each other for forgiveness for the wrongs or the hurts they have done knowingly or unknowingly during the year.

Reminders for *Kol Nidre*

- It is customary not to wear leather shoes.
- The service must begin promptly at 6:30 pm.
- Bring your *Talit*—this is the only night of the year on which we wear a *Talit*.

Shabbat Shuvah

There is always one *Shabbat* between *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, and it is known as *Shabbat Shuvah*. Its name is derived from the

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Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

Sukkah Art Decorating

A fun way to spend a Sunday morning doing art, meeting friends and creating a warm and lively environment for our upcoming week of eating in the *Sukkah*. All ages welcome.
Sunday, September 26, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Supper Under the Stars in the *Sukkah*

Reserve now for a wonderful dinner in the Ritter Sukkah with family and friends. See the coupon on page 12 to reserve your place.

Lulav and *Etrog* Shopping in Boro Park

Join Rabbi Stern as he leads this trip to Brooklyn to purchase your own *lulav* and *etrog* for *Sukkot*. A bus will be provided from the synagogue. $10/ per person. Reservations required. Call Naomi Lipnick at ext. 121 to reserve a place.
Sunday, September 26, 12:00 pm-2:00 pm

September Birthday Celebration

Bring *Shabbat* into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with September birthdays will be called up to the *bimah* and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening, September 10** at **6:15 p.m.** Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

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opening phrase of the special *haftarah* read that morning: *Shuva Yisrael* (Return, Israel!). The *haftarah* is unique in that it is comprised of selections from three prophets—Amos, Joel and Micah—all containing exhortations to repent. In former times, this *Shabbat* was one of only two *shabbatot* on which the rabbi delivered a formal sermon/discourse. Our *Shabbat Shuvah* service has been sponsored in loving memory of Josef and Hadassah Rosensaft.

For the Hearing Impaired

Through the generosity of Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer it is now possible for those who are hearing impaired to use head sets while attending services. Please inform the Synagogue office if you wish to reserve a headset.

Tzedakah

The *Kol Nidre* Appeal is the most important synagogue-wide fundraising campaign that we conduct each year, and the funds that are raised help the annual operating budget meet our needs. Membership dues account for only 38% of the operating budget; our security and insurance costs have more than tripled in the last two years; and maintaining our landmark facility requires constant attention and improvement. The doors of Park Avenue Synagogue are open 365 days a year for you. We hope you will make Park Avenue Synagogue one of your top philanthropic priorities and support us generously.

All About *Sukkot*

The festival of *Sukkot* derives its name from the *sukkah*, the temporary dwelling or booth built especially for the holiday. Says the Book of Leviticus: "I did cause the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the Land of Egypt." The *sukkah* is, therefore, a reminder to all generations of God's redemption of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery.

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Sukkot is also a festival of thanksgiving for the final ingathering of the harvest in the Land of Israel. Some of its symbols clearly recall the Land and its produce: The four *minim*, or species, consist of an *etrog*, a *lulav*, myrtles and willows. The *lulav* is a branch of the palm tree and is bound together with three short branches of myrtle leaves (*hadasim*) and two branches of the willow tree (*aravot*). The *etrog* looks like a large lemon, but it smells and tastes much sweeter. It has a *pitom*, a small protuberance, at its end. The rabbis teach that binding these different species together serves as an example to us of how all Jews, different though we may be from one another, must be bound together into one unit.

A blessing is said over the *minim* at two points in the morning service, during *Hallel*, right after morning *Amidah*, and during *Hoshanot*, each day of the holiday, except on *Shabbat*, when we march around the synagogue with them in a magnificent procession.

The festival of *Sukkot* begins on the 15th day of *Tishri*, and the first two days are observed as major festival days. The next five days are *Hol Hamoed*, the Intermediate Days of the festival. These days are half-holidays; while most labor is permitted, except, of course, on the *Sabbath*, we continue to eat meals in the *sukkah* and to make the blessings over the four *minim*, waving them during the recitation of the *Hallel* and when marching with them during the hymns (*Hoshanot*).

At Park Avenue Synagogue, our Ritter *Sukkah*, named in memory of Gerald and May Ellen Ritter, is constructed on the roof. A *kiddush* takes place in the Ritter *Sukkah* following every service during *Sukkot*, and dinner is served there almost every night of *Sukkot*.

In Your Twenties?
Special High Holy Days Services

This year men and women in their twenties will be able to attend their own services in Appleman Chapel, as part of the new P.A.S./ Connections Program:

Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, September 16.....10:00 am
Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 17.....10:00 am
Kol Nidre, Friday, September 24.....6:30 pm
Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 25.....10:00 am

Tickets are a must. Please call Naomi Lipnick as soon as possible at (212) 369-2600, ext. 121 for tickets (free for members' children who are full-time students; $100 for members' non-student children up to age 30).

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

In Loving Memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell

The Park Avenue Synagogue *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out in complete confidence to the ill, elderly and homebound in friendship and companionship through telephone calls and/or visits. If you would like to be contacted by one of its caring, dedicated volunteers, or know someone who might benefit from the committee's attention, please contact Rabbi Lincoln's secretary, Liya, at (212) 369-2600.

Your Own CD Recording of Israeli Music

To enhance our emphasis on Israel this year, Cantors David Lefkowitz and Nancy Abramson have produced a CD of the *Shabbat* Morning Music Service, *Shabbat Kol Yisrael*, which took place on April 24, 2004. Our cantors and combined choirs, including our Congregational Singers, are featured in thirty delightful selections, many of which originated as Israeli folk melodies and were adapted to the texts of the *Shabbat* service. For just $18 per CD, you can enjoy beautiful music, and benefit the Park Avenue Synagogue Israel *Tzedakah* Fund, established to underwrite the *Aron Kodesh* (Ark) in the new Masorti Center to be constructed at Neve Tzedek, Tel Aviv. We hope you will purchase this CD, celebrating the beauty and diversity of our Israeli musical heritage, for yourself and as gifts for family and friends. Contact Amy Porter, music assistant, at (212) 369-2600, ext.128 for purchase information.

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Sisterhood Daytime Book Discussion Begins

Join a stimulating discussion on **Monday, September 27 at 11:00 am**, when the new daytime book discussion group of the Park Avenue Synagogue will focus on *The Israelis: Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Land*, by Donna Rosenthal, the book chosen for "The Great Synagogue Read-In." This will be the perfect opportunity to exchange ideas about this fascinating book with other congregants. Please call Renee Waldinger, (212) 860-4308 to attend this discussion and/or join this ongoing book discussion group, which is sponsored by the Sisterhood but is open to all members of P.A.S.

The P.A.S. Bereavement Group

Those who have lost loved ones or friends will find support and understanding at Park Avenue Synagogue's Bereavement Group. The group meets monthly and is facilitated by Dr. Sheila Erlich, a licensed psychologist. Meetings will be held on Mondays, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm, on **September 20, October 18, November 22 and December 13**. Future meeting dates will be announced. For more information, please call Rabbi Stern's office at (212) 369-2600.

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Liz Harrow, age 15
Dennis and Gail Karr
Cantor David and Joan Lefkowitz
Rabbi David and Susan Lincoln
Ann Lyons
Sandy and Lynda Mitz
Menachem and Jean Rosensaft
Lisa Samick
Jeff and Susan Silverman
Sam Silverman, age 12
Adam Silverman, age 10
Jeremy Silverman, age 5
Gloria Silverman
Heidi and Rob Silverstone
Michael Silverstone, age 10
Max Silverstone, age 7
Howard and Wendy Slavin
Samantha Slavin, age 7
Martin and Rochelle Spergel
Rabbi Kenneth Stern
Zachary Stern, age 19
Hugh Straus
Nina and Larry Wallach
Abraham and Liliane Yurkofsky
Eugene Zinbarg

This Month in Israel's History...

To help you learn more about Israel's rich history and feel even more connected to Eretz Yisrael, each month during Park Avenue Synagogue's Israel Year, we are highlighting important events in Israel's past. We hope you will discuss them with family and friends, and read more about those that particularly interest you.

September 5, 1972	**11 Israeli athletes massacred at Munich Olympics.**
September 13, 1993	**Israel and PLO sign historic agreement on the White House lawn.**
September 18, 1978	**Camp David Accords signed in Washington.**
September 19, 1952	**Mandatory National Service for girls to serve in the army instituted.**
September 24, 1996	**Violence erupts after Israel opens Western Wall tunnel to the public.**
September 28, 1995	**Oslo B Agreement signed.**
September 29, 1985	**Israeli government approves establishment of second TV channel.**

Top 10 Reasons to Join P.A.S. in Israel this December

1. Travel with your Rabbis and Cantors: Rabbi Lincoln, Cantor Lefkowitz, Rabbi Stern and Cantor Abramson.
2. Hike the Negev – ride a jeep up to Jerusalem.
3. Meet IDF troops for one-on-one conversations.
4. Go behind the scenes for tours at the Israel Museum, Weizmann Institute and Yad VaShem.
5. Feel the spirit of *Shabbat* in Jerusalem – *daven* at local *shuls*, home hospitality for lunch, special learning sessions, *Havdallah* overlooking the Old City.
6. Converse with all kinds of Israelis: scientists, scholars, artists, new immigrants, religious and secular.
7. Celebrate a joint *bar mitzvah* with P.A.S. students and Israeli special needs children.
8. Experience Tel Aviv: history and museums, Bauhaus architecture and cutting-edge shopping.
9. Visit Masorti synagogues and centers of Conservative learning.
10. Be part of a community experience not to be missed. This is not your average mission to Israel!

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Synagogue Family

September *B'nai Mitzvah*

Hannah Maxine Tannenbaum
September 11, 2004

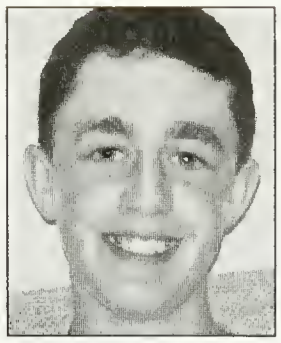
Hannah has attended the P.A.S. Congregational School, beginning as an *alef*. At her *Bat Mitzvah* on this historic date, she looks forward to addressing her *parsha's* themes of redemption and faith as both Isaiah and Moses did. Hannah extends her appreciation to the clergy who have been so kind helping to prepare her.

As she begins Class VII at the Brearley School, Hannah enjoys science, history and playing basketball. Being with her older sister, Sarah, is another favorite pastime.

Hannah's true passion is observing sea life. Certified at the age of 11 as an open water SCUBA diver, Hannah enjoyed Catalina Sea Camp this summer. Beyond diving, Hannah can distinguish a Humpback from a Minke to a Right Whale. Whale Camp on Grand Manan Island is where Hannah learns about marine biology. Hannah will be doing a project for her *Bat Mitzvah* providing information and books on endangered species (including sea animals) to other children.

Joshua Pearl
September 18, 2004

Josh is an eighth-grade student at Riverdale Country School. He has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue community since he was three years old when he attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center. He plans to continue his Jewish education by attending the Rabbi Judah Nadich Hebrew High School. Josh enjoys playing baseball, tennis, golf, and vacationing with his family.



Josh is honored to have his *bar mitzvah* on *Shabbat Shuvah*. His *parsha* reinforces the main message of the High Holy Days by talking about the importance of repentance. Josh would like to thank the members of the clergy, his teachers and family for helping him prepare for his *Bar Mitzvah*.

With Pride and Congratulations

- Marilyn and David Berman, on the birth of their granddaughter, Eliana Danielle, daughter of their children, Melissa and Neil Bane, and sister of Serena.
- P.A.S. President Menachem Rosensaft, on being featured in the newly published *Jewish Fathers: A Legacy of Love*, photographs by Lloyd Wolf (Jewish Lights). Menachem is one of 45 prominent American Jews in the book who discuss the significance of fatherhood within the context of their Jewish identity.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:
Mr. & Mrs. Alan & Nancy Block, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron & Leslee Cowen, Derek & Lisa Dessler, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne & Merritt Edelman, Mrs. Helen Erlich, Mr. & Mrs. Maurice & Jodi Falk, Mrs. Lori F. Fodale, Mr. Martin Geller & Ms. Lauren Schor Geller, Mr. Harvey Goldherz & Mrs. Wendy Klein Goldherz, Dr.& Mrs. George & Belle Goldman, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey & Lisa Grossman, Dr. & Ms. Gordon & Lisa Heller, Mr. David Katz & Ms. Linda Goldman-Katz, Dr. & Mrs. David & Marjorie Kaufman, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey & Kathy Kramer, Drs. Todd & Gail Lencz, Mr. & Dr. Stephen & Stephanie Levey, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart & Nancy Litman, Mr. Ben Mendelsohn, Mr. David Parks & Mrs. Ida Glick Parks, Mr. & Ms. Johnathan & Suzanne Rosenzweig, Hon. & Mrs. David & Phyllis Saxe, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel & Natalie Vulakh, Mr. & Mrs. Howard & Jody Wurzel, Mr. Eric Zahler & Mrs. Karen Gantz Zahler, Dr. & Mrs. Brett & Lori Zbar, Mr. Phillip Gall & Ms. Allison Zivin.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

Morris E. Biederman, on the passing of his sister, Sarah Greenberg.
The family of Miriam Brown.
Carol Cohen and Gordon Cohen, on the passing of their husband and father, Alan Cohen.
Mikel Eisenberg, on the passing of his father, Alfred Eisenberg.
Bernard Feinberg, on the passing of his brother, Fred Feinberg.
Richard Gerard, on the passing of his father, Philip Gerard.
The family of Irwin Halbreich.
The family of Dr. Leslie Hammel.
Alan Hirschfeld, on the passing of his father, Leo Hirschfeld.
June Hoexter, on the passing of her mother, Thelma Zeizel.
Linda Hoffman, on the passing of her mother, Sylvia (Joan) Rosenfield.
Amy Landesberg, on the passing of her father, Dr. Leonard Ebin.
Isaac Lemor, on the passing of his mother, Batsheva Lemor.
Frieda Leszkowitz, on the passing of her husband, Chaim Leszkowitz.
Joan Levine Levenson, on the passing of her mother, Mildred L. Finkel.
Dr. Harris M. Nagler, on the passing of his mother Thelma R. Nagler.
Dr. Barbara Paris, on the passing of her father, H. Russell Cammer.
Laurie Ferber Podolsky, on the passing of her mother, Phyllis Warren Ferber.
Frederick (Rick) Ruvkun, on the passing of his father, Sam Ruvkun.
Dr. Janet Weisberg, on the passing of her mother, Vivian Weisberg.
Dr. Audrey Woolrich, on the passing of her mother, Rachel Woolrich.
Andrew Zaro, on the passing of his father, Philip Zaro.

Jewish Life and Learning

Adult Study and Learning

Please call Sarah Gribetz (212) 369-2600, ext.142 to register or reserve.

What Does the Talmud Say About...?

Join Rabbi David H. Lincoln for stimulating, ongoing study of selections from the Babylonian Talmud.
Tuesdays, 8:00 am-9:00 am

Tuesday Topics

A text-based discussion on topics of a religious and philosophical nature led by Rabbi Kenneth Stern. This class is sponsored by Sisterhood, but open to all.
Tuesdays, 11:00 am-12:00 Noon

Hebrew Crash Course for the High Holy Days

Sarah Gribetz, instructor
This introductory Hebrew course is perfect for those interested in getting ready for the High Holy Days. Introduction to the alphabet, word acquisition and familiarity with the *Mahzor* (High Holiday prayer book) will be covered.
Tuesdays, September 7, 14, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Ancient Israel

Rabbi Joseph Brodie, J.T.S., instructor
The Wisdom and folly of Solomon. The Division of the Monarchy into the reign of the wicked Ahab and Jezebel. The rise of Elijah, a mystical prophet.
Tuesdays at P.A.S.: October 12, 19, 26; November 9, 16; March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 8:00 pm-9:30 pm
$25/members
$40/non-members per semester

Intermediate Hebrew

Varda Hubara, instructor
Speaking, grammar, biblical passages, poetry, stories. This is a challenging and rewarding text-based class, conducted in Hebrew for those serious about improving their command of the Hebrew language. A basic knowledge of reading, writing and vocabulary is necessary. All levels beyond absolute beginners are welcome.
Wednesdays, October 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; December 1, 8, 7:30 pm-8:45 pm; winter dates TBA
$25/members
$40/non-members per semester

Hebrew for Beginners

Sarah Gribetz, instructor
A basic course for those interested in improving their Hebrew reading skills, with particular emphasis on becoming familiar and comfortable using the *Siddur* (prayer book) on *Shabbat* and holidays. No prior knowledge is necessary.
Tuesdays, beginning October 12, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
$25/members
$40/ non-members per semester

Study Salon at the Home of Rabbi Lincoln

Israel: A History of the Modern State
Join Rabbi Lincoln in the intimate setting of his living room for an overview of the history and complexity of Israel. Bring your curiosity and questions as we continue our year-long focus on Israel. This course is particularly geared to the young couples in our congregation, providing them with an opportunity to study with our senior rabbi and get to know him in an informal and personal setting.
Mondays, October 25; November 1, 8, 7:30 pm-8:30 pm
Free of charge. Space is limited, so please reserve early.

Edmond de Rothschild Library

Our new Library Director, Rabbi Dawn Rose, joins Park Avenue Synagogue with a broad background, including the pulpit rabbinate, Jewish education and library science. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate from U.C. Berkeley in Literature, she subsequently earned a Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy at J.T.S., and was ordained by the Academy for Jewish Religion in 2003. While at J.T.S., she served as Head of the Melton

Center for Jewish Education Library and taught classes in theology and ethics. As a new Ph.D., she became Director of the Center for Jewish Ethics at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, where she both taught and published many articles and booklets in Jewish ethics and theology. More recently, Dawn served as Assistant Rabbi in a large suburban congregation. Deeply committed to Jewish learning and literacy, Rabbi Rose is happy and excited about the roles of the Edmond de Rothschild Library and Library Director in P.A.S. community life.

Of the 10 or so years I spent at J.T.S., a majority of my time awake (and some of my time asleep) was spent—either earning a living or earning my degree—in the library. Some of my favorite people were the librarians nobody ever saw: the myriad procurers and processors moving silently behind the scenes and in the stacks. Mostly devout and observant Jews, including some rabbis, I always knew that the job they did was more than just a job. They were pious Jews—people of the Book—handling *books*, purchasing and cataloguing and shelving *books*. They knew, in their quiet way, that one of the most important Jewish spiritual activities, learning, could not go on without them. Many of them scholars themselves, they understood Jewish books to be the product, object, and medium of Jewish intellectual and spiritual life. Learning from

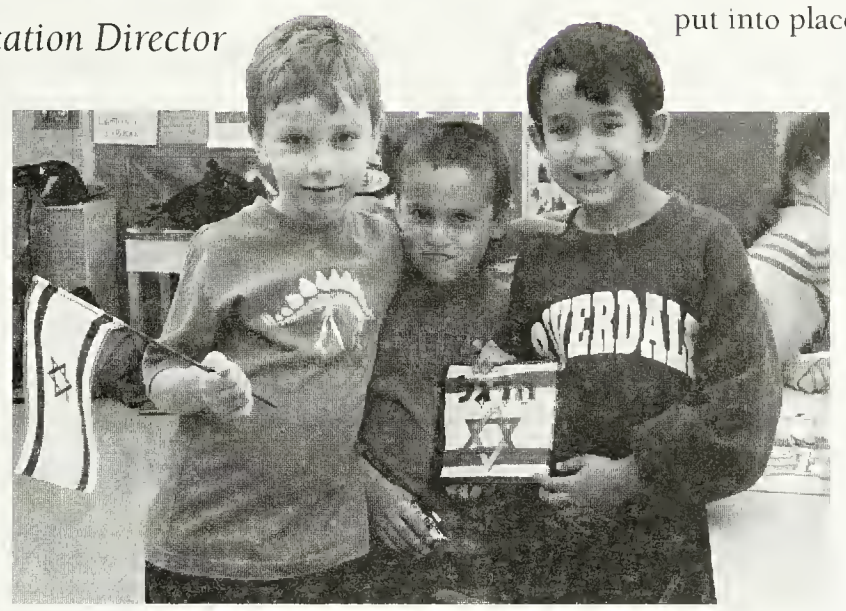
News From Our Schools

Congregational School

by Renee Ghert-Zand, Education Director

Bruchim haba'im to the year 5765 at the Congregational School! It is always so wonderful to welcome new students, and to see all our returning students refreshed and ready for another great year of Jewish living and learning.

Returning families may wonder, is the school we are coming back to this September the same school that we left in late May? The answer is yes...and no. *Yes,* because we are the same great school we have been, and all that has helped make us a success will remain in place. *No,* because there are exciting changes that have been put into place for this year. Families will notice some retooling of our Hebrew language curriculum to better support the Synagogue's "Israel This Year" theme and planned congregational trip to Israel. We have several new faculty members on board. The *Zayin* grade will have the privilege of exploring Jewish values, identities and communities through the art of photography with renowned photographer Zion Ozeri.



It's great to be back for another year of Jewish learning with our friends.

What really makes us different this year, however, is our new designation as a "Framework for Excellence" school by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Only 10 percent of the 630 Conservative congregational schools in the country meet the criteria for "Framework for Excellence." We are very proud and pleased to be offering your children the best possible Conservative synagogue-based education. Our faculty and staff never forget that our work is *avodat kodesh* (holy work), and that, as the poet Hayim Nachman Bialik said of the Jewish school, "*Poh beit hayotzer l'nishmat ha'umah*" – here the soul of the People is forged.

September Dates to Remember

Monday, September 13 – First day of school
Monday, September. 13; Tuesday, September 14; Thursday, September 23 – Welcome Coffees, 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 14 – *Gan* Opening Ceremony, 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 14 – *MATAN* program parent meeting, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 15 & Thursday, September 16 – NO SCHOOL – *Erev Rosh Hashanah & Rosh Hashanah*
Saturday, September 18 – First *Shabbat* classes, Junior Congregation and *Nitzanim*
Thursday, September 23 – *Alef* Opening Ceremony, 5:30 pm
Saturday, September 25 – NO SCHOOL – *Yom Kippur*
Wednesday, September 29 & Thursday, September 30 – NO SCHOOL – *Erev Sukkot & Sukkot*

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them, I came to understand the nexus between Jewish learning and Jewish life on whole new levels.

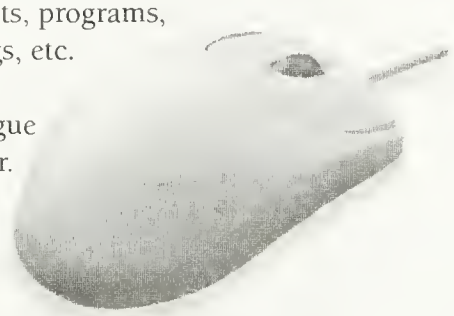
Now, as a rabbi, a teacher, and a librarian, I feel very much the same way about Jewish books and Jewish libraries (actually all books and all libraries), though my love and my piety are expressed a little less quietly. I believe, outside of those moments in the sanctuary where we are caught up in the fervor and the sweetness of exquisite *davening* or a brilliant *d'var* (words of Torah), the library can be/should be the most exciting, engaging (enraging), and ultimately most satisfying place in the building.

We all know of the *minhag* (tradition) of feeding a young student honey as he opens his first book of intensive Jewish study. This *Rosh Hashanah*, I invite you—don't stop with the apple. Join with us in the transformation of the Edmond de Rothschild Library from what it is (quiet, lovely) to what it can be (you tell me).

Shana Tova,
Rabbi Dawn Rose
Library Director

P.A.S. Is Just a Click Away

Spend a few minutes at Park Avenue Synagogue's website, *www.pasyn.org.* Get the latest information on events, programs, meetings, etc. See the Synagogue calendar. Sign up for email groups. Communicate with our clergy and staff.



Communications Help Wanted!

If you have marketing, graphic design or web design expertise, consider volunteering for the P.A.S. Publicity Committee. This is a great opportunity to lend a hand to the Synagogue and meet other congregants in the communications field. For more information or to volunteer, please call Beryl Chernov at (212) 369-2600, or email bchernov@pasyn.org.

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Wednesday, September 29
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Enjoy a wonderful dinner under the stars with family and friends. To ensure your place, please fill out and return the reservation form below to the Synagogue Office (except where noted), with your check made payable to **Park Avenue Synagogue**. Because space is limited, all reservations must be pre-paid and are non-refundable. In case of rain, dinner will be served on the Lower Level.

Sukkah Dinner Reservation Form

Please indicate the full-course, served dinner(s) at $35 per person ($15 per child under 8 years of age) that you would like to attend:

1. **Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30 pm, hosted by the High School**
   # Adults_____ # Children Under 8_____ # Children 8 & Over_____ Total $_____
2. **Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 pm, hosted by Men's Club**
   # Adults_____ # Children Under 8_____ # Children 8 & Over_____ Total $_____
3. **Friday, October 1 at 7:00 pm, Congregational *Shabbat Sukkah* Dinner**
   # Adults_____ # Children Under 8_____ # Children 8 & Over_____ Total $_____
4. **Saturday, October 2 at 6:45 pm, hosted by Young Couples Group**
   # Adults_____ # Children Under 8_____ # Children 8 & Over_____ Total $_____
5. **Sunday, October 3 at 6:15 pm, hosted by WEG and Sisterhood**
   # Adults_____ # Children Under 8_____ # Children 8 & Over_____ Total $_____

Please indicate the informal buffet dinner(s) at $25 per person ($15 per child under 8 years of age) that you would like to attend:

6. **Monday, October 4 at 6:00 pm, hosted by the Congregational School**
   # Adults_____ # Children Under 8_____ # Children 8 & Over_____ Total $_____

To reserve, call the School Office, (212) 369-2600, ext. 130.

7. **Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30 pm, hosted by Family Education/ *Kehillah***
   # Adults_____ # Children Under 8_____ # Children 8 & Over_____ Total $_____

To reserve, call Family Education/ *Kehillah*, (212) 369-2600, ext. 140.

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Vivian & Milton Finkel, in honor of the marriage of Jennifer Haber & David Fenster.
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Mrs. Evelyn Gelman, in honor of her birthday.

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High School Fund
Jimmy, Ruth & Alexandra Ezra, in honor of Benjamin Ezra's birthday.

High School Food Pantry
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Judy & Ron Baron, in memory of Batsheva Lemor, mother of Isaac Lemor.
Karen & Richard Bass & Family, in honor of the upcoming marriage of Susan Backer and Lawrence Alfred.
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Paul & Anne Corwin & Family, in memory of Batsheva Lemor.
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Ruthie, Jimmy, Benjamin & Alexander Ezra, in honor of Rabbi Lincoln.
Nancy Fisher, in memory of Isaac Lemor's mother, Batsheva Lemor.
Eleanore & Harold Geringer, in honor of their 50th anniversary, June 26, 2004.
Eleanore & Harold Geringer, in memory of Anna Derrico's beloved aunt, Carmela Nesi.
Anita & Stanley Gluck, in honor of their anniversary.
Anita & Stanley Gluck, in memory of Thelma Nagler, mother of Dr. Harris Nagler.
Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of her beloved brother, Harold J. Livingston.
Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of her beloved uncle, Benjamin I. Livingston.
Linda Gordon, in memory of Sandick Chernov, Beryl Chernov's father.
Dr. Roslyn A. Haber & Robert J. Haber, in honor of Rabbi Lincoln and Cantor Lefkowitz officiating at the wedding of Jennifer Haber & David Fenster.
Nadine Habousha & Edward Cohen, in honor of their anniversary.
Floy & Amos Kaminski.
Dennis & Gail Karr, in honor of the Hebrew High School Class of 2000, now College graduates.
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz.
Lemor Family, in honor of Rabbi Lincoln being named "Rabbi of the Year."
Ms. Marian Levitt, in honor of her *Aliyah*.
Ms. Marian Levitt, in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of Leo Jake Farbman, grandson of Margery Price.
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of Rabbi David Lincoln, our "Rabbi of the Year."
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of Rabbi Ken Stern for helping me with my *D'var Torah*.
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in memory of Batsheva Lemor, mother of Isaac Lemor.
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of the marriage of Mia Levitt, daughter of Marion Levitt.
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of the birth of Lily Hannah Taubin, daughter of Greg & Felicia Taubin.
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in memory of Sandick Chernov, father of Beryl Chernov.
Philip, Marlene & Mathew Muskin, in memory of Alan Levine's mother, Florence Levine.
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of Cantor David Lefkowitz for a beautiful Liturgical Service.
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of Cantor Nancy Abramson for a beautiful Liturgical Service.
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in memory of Albert Sussman.
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in memory of Dr. Leonard Ebin, father of Amy Landesberg.
Dr. Jacob L. Oberman, in honor of Judge Louis & Bea Kaplan on their anniversary.
David Reich & Susan Dessel, in honor of Reuben Cohen's graduation from Fieldston.
Mrs. Joan Robbins, in memory of her beloved mother, Leona Brickman.
Jacqueline Rokhsar, in honor of Reuben Cohen's graduation from Fieldston.
Mr. Herman Rosen, in honor of his wife Sandra's birthday.
Mrs. Lite Sabin, in memory of her beloved father, Peter E. Bielenberg.
Mr. Andre Sassoon.
Sylvan & Joan Schefler, in memory of Sandick Chernov, father of Beryl Chernov.
Susan, Jeffrey, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman, in memory of Florence Levine, mother of Alan Levine.
Susan, Jeffrey, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman, in memory of Sandick Chernov, father of Beryl Chernov.
Susan, Jeffrey, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman, in memory of Yehudit Eldad, mother of Rachel Oppenheim.
Brad & Barbara Simon, in honor of Molly Glenn's graduation from High School and Hebrew High School.
Brad & Barbara Simon, in honor of Ezra Glenn's graduation from Middle School.
Mrs. Florence Solomon, in celebration of Molly Glenn, daughter of Cantor Nancy Abramson, graduating from our Hebrew High School and with honors from the Bronx High School of Science.
Marcia & Steve Stone, in memory of Sandick Chernov, father of Beryl Chernov.
Meryl E. Wiener & Barry A. Bryer, in honor of Eugene Zinbarg's being honored by the METNY region of United Synagogue.
Steven & Joyce Wolitzer, in honor of Scott Wolitzer's *Bar Mitzvah*.

Kol Nidre
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Bendelac
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Judith A. Ribnick, in honor of the wonderful Cantors, Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson. With admiration and appreciation.

Albert & Rachel Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Lisa & Michael Borodkin, in honor of their daughter Julia Candice's Baby Naming on May 1.

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Stacey Schreiber, in loving memory of her grandparents, Ruth & Irving Perlmutter.
Mr. Sydney B. Silberman, in loving memory of his wife, Rosalind Grossman Silberman.
Amy, Paul & Mason Sklar, in honor of the Hebrew naming of Danielle Aerin Freedman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Freedman.
Mrs. Jutta Tannhauser, in memory of loved ones.
Frances & Harold Tompkins, in memory of Rebeca Ergas, mother of Dr. Enrique Ergas.
Jacqueline & Bob Willens, in memory of Sophia Gumenick, grandmother of Nancy White.

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Ms. E.J. Borrack, in loving memory of her father, Morris Borrack.
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Mrs. Patricia Fuchs.
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz, in memory of their loved ones.
Mrs. Ruth Levenson, in memory of her beloved mother, Herta Levi.
Laurie & Morris Podolsky, in honor of Rabbi Lincoln's award as "Rabbi of the Year" by the N.Y. Board of Rabbis.
Jim & Marilyn Simons.
Mr. Kurt Wimpfheimer.
Steven & Joyce Wolitzer, in honor of Scott Wolitzer's *Bar Mitzvah*.

Synagogue Offerings
Mrs. Albertine J. Aboody, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Beverly Abrams, in memory of her beloved mother, Shirley Fraser.
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Agisim, in honor of their anniversary.
Mr. Philip Agisim, in memory of his beloved sister, Molly Lobe.
Mrs. Susan Amster, in memory of her beloved mother, Loretta Denerstein.
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Appel, in honor of their anniversary.
Mr. David Balgley, in memory of his beloved mother, Ethel L. Balgley.
Mrs. Dorothy Bamberger, in memory of her beloved mother, Ruth Frank.
Mr. Clarence S. Barasch, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Elissa Baum, in memory of her beloved mother, Rachel Leah Kanner.
Dr. Georgette Bennett, in memory of her beloved husband, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum.
Mrs. Shirley Benowitz, in memory of her beloved father, Victor Capelluto.
Mr. David Berman, in memory of his

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beloved mother, Ethel D. Berman.
Mrs. Ernestine Bernstein, in memory of her beloved mother, Bertha Wolf.
Mrs. Ernestine Bernstein, in memory of her beloved father, Alexander Wolf.
Mrs. Florence Bernstein, in memory of her beloved father, Jacob Michaelson.
Mrs. Vivian Bernstein, in memory of her beloved brother, Peter Erban.
Mrs. Vivian Bernstein, in memory of her beloved father, Herbert Glaser.
Mr. Morris E. Biederman, in memory of his beloved sister, Sarah Greenberg.
Mr. Morris E. Biederman, in memory of his beloved father, Jacob David Biederman.
Mr. Morris E. Biederman, in memory of his beloved brother, Gerald Biederman.
Dr. Robert J. Blankfein, in memory of his beloved father, Jules Blankfein.
Mrs. Joan Blanksteen, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Joan Blanksteen, in memory of her beloved father, Harry Levitan.
Mrs. Susan Blumstein, in memory of her beloved mother, Lillian Bender.
Mrs. Susan Blumstein, in memory of her beloved father, Israel Boris Bender.
Mrs. Sonia Breindel, in beloved memory of Eric Breindel.
Dr. Joseph Breindel and Dina Weissenberg.
Dr. Matilda Brust, in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Joseph Buchbinder.
Dr. Matilda Brust, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. H. Paul Burak, in memory of his beloved father, Harry Burak.
Mrs. Toni Ceisler, in memory of her beloved father, Albert Natelson.
Mrs. Esta Chavkin, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Carol Cohen, in memory of her beloved mother, Estelle Yavers.
Mrs. Marion Cohen, in memory of her beloved husband, Herbert S. Cohen.
Dr. Paul-David Conway, in memory of his beloved father, Lionel Conway.
Mr. & Mrs. David C. Cook, in honor of their anniversary.
Ms. Sarrae Crane, in honor of her birthday.
Dr. Jason Dolinsky, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Drachman, in honor of their anniversary.
Mr. Harvey Drachman, in memory of his beloved father, Nathan Drachman.
Mrs. Anne Duberstein, in honor of her birthday.
Hon. Conrad B. Duberstein, in memory of his beloved father, Alex Duberstein.
Mrs. Marie M. Edelsbourgh, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Florence Edelstein, in memory of her beloved mother, Bertha Koch.
Ms. Janet Morrow Einsidler, in memory of her beloved father, Jacob Morrow.
Mrs. Irene Eisenberg, in memory of her beloved husband, Alex Eisenberg.
Mrs. Irene Eisenberg, in memory of her beloved mother, Beckie Gershenson.
Mrs. Irene Eisenberg, in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Gershenson.
Mr. Bernard Elkies, in memory of his beloved mother, Dorothy Elkies.
Ms. Betty Emden, in memory of her beloved father, Victor Capelluto.
Mrs. Gertrude Fehl, in memory of her beloved mother, Rose Axel.
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Mrs. Estelle Florence, in memory of her beloved son, Michael Florence.
Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Flug, in memory of Vivian Weisberg.
Leslie & Bernard Friedman, in memory of Fred Feinberg.
Ms. Yola Friedman, in memory of her beloved grandfather, Pincos Topole.
Ms. Yola Friedman, in memory of her beloved mother, Matilda Topole Gertel.
Mr. Milton Fuchs, in memory of his beloved brother, Irving Fuchs.
Mrs. Ruth Fuhrman, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Ruth Fuhrman, in memory of her beloved sister, Sadie Rosenblatt.
Mr. Murray Gallahou, in honor of his birthday.
Eleanore & Harold Geringer, in memory of Vivian Weisberg, beloved mother of Janet Samuels.
Ms. Elaine Gilde, in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Gilde.
Ms. Carole Y. Gliedman, in memory of her beloved mother, Doris Freeman.
Mrs. Martha Gold, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Abraham E. Goll, in memory of his beloved father, Joseph Goll.
Mrs. Elsie Goll, in honor of her birthday.
Ms. Barbara Goltzer, in memory of her beloved grandfather, Pincos Topole.
Ms. Barbara Goltzer, in memory of her beloved mother, Matilda Topole Gertel.
Mrs. Herta Gottschalk, in memory of my dear father, Hugo Zoller.
Mrs. Doris Greenberg, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Jennie Schiller.
Mrs. Heidi Harris, in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Kiperman.
Mr. Fred H. Hill, in memory of his beloved wife, Meta Hill.
Mrs. Della Honig, in memory of her beloved father, Max Reinkraut.
Mrs. Helen Judlowe, in memory of her beloved father, William Lautenberg.
Mrs. Helen Judlowe, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Judlowe, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Ruth Kantor, in honor of her birthday.
Bea & Louis Kaplan, in honor of Helen Hahn on her birthday on July 14.
Dr. Neal Kaplan, in memory of his beloved father, Samuel Kaplan.
Mrs. Anne Katz, in memory of her beloved brother, Louis Osdin.
Mr. Stanley Kesselman, in memory of his beloved mother, Grace Kesselman.
Mrs. Gladys Kessler, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Carol L. King, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Donald Kirsch, in memory of his beloved father, William Kirsch.
Mrs. Dorothy Kirsch, in memory of her beloved mother, Sylvia E. Tejw.
Mrs. Zelma Kiwi, in memory of her beloved father, Mayer Minkowitz.
Ms. Barbara Klaus, in memory of her beloved mother, Anna Jaffe.
Ms. Linda Klempner, in honor of the *Aliyah* I received.
Ms. Linda Klempner, in memory of her beloved father, Louis Klempner.
Ms. Linda Klempner, in honor of Evelyn Gelman's birthday.
Dr. David Korris, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Lillian Krell, in honor of her birthday.
Cantor & Mrs. David Lefkowitz, in memory of his mother, Beatrice M. Lefkowitz.
Mrs. Joan Leiman, in memory of her beloved mother, Ida Rubenstein Maisel.
Ms. Ketty Setton-Levantrosser, in memory of her beloved mother, Rivka Medini.
Mr. Martin Levenson, in memory of his beloved mother, Edith Levenson.
Eric Levine, in honor of the engagement of Alan Levine and Alison Newman.
Mrs. Linda Levine, in honor of her husband, Dr. Marvin Levine's birthday.
Ms. Marian Levitt, in memory of her beloved father, Harry Louis Pascal.
Dr. Zanvel Liff, in memory of his beloved mother and father, Lena and Samuel Liff.
Drs. Zanvel & Sylvia Liff, in honor of their anniversary.
Mr. Edward Lipiner, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Lucy Lipiner, in honor of her birthday.
Dr. & Mrs. Steven Lorch, in memory of Sandick Chernov, father of Beryl Chernov.
Steven & Susanna Lorch, in memory of Rabbi William Ainsberg.
Mrs. Sivia Loria, in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Warshauer.
Mrs. Corinne Maginsky, in memory of her beloved father, John G. Zimmerman.
Mrs. Hannah Mallin, in memory of her beloved husband, Edward J. Mallin.
Ms. Jocelyn Markowitz, in memory of her beloved father, Harold Herman.
Mrs. Elaine Marks, in memory of her beloved mother, Dora Miller.
Mr. Howard Marlin, in memory of his beloved mother & father, Sallie & Irving Marlin.
Rita & Bob Matthew, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Rita Matthew, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Robert Miller, in memory of his beloved father, Hyman Miller.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Miller, in memory of Michael Garston.
Paulette Mintz, in memory of Batsheva Lemor.
Mr. David S. Mitchell, in memory of his beloved mother, Florence Mitchell on her *Yahrzeit*.
Dr. & Mrs. Joel Mittleman, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Edward Schwartz.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of her beloved husband, Carl J.Fruchtman.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Sonia "Sunny" Rosenberg.
Mrs. Felice Muchnick, in memory of her beloved father, Morris Greenberg.
Mr. Howard Muchnick, in memory of his beloved mother, Sophie Muchnick.
Dr. Richard Muchnick, in memory of his beloved father, Max Muchnick.
Mrs. Violet Murad, in memory of her beloved father-in-law, Menashe Murad.
Dr. Carol Mutterperl, in memory of her beloved mother, Gertrude Frieser.
Dr. Carol Mutterperl, in memory of her beloved mother, Amalia Frieser.
Dr. Burton Nackenson, in memory of his beloved wife, Betti Nackenson.
Dr. Sidney Nearenberg, in honor of his birthday.
Dr. Barton Nisonson, in memory of his beloved mother, Rebecca Nisonson.
Mrs. Charlotte Nowick, in memory of her beloved husband, Abraham Nowick.
Miss Lea Oberdorfer, in memory of her beloved father, Gustave Oberdorfer.
Miss Lea Oberdorfer, in memory of her beloved mother, Ella Oberdorfer.
Dr. Jacob Oberman, in honor of Judge Louis I. Kaplan's milestone birthday.
Dr. Jacob L. Oberman, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Morris A. Orden, in memory of his beloved father, Dr. Joseph Orden.
Mrs. Joyce Paige, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Blossom Peretz, in memory of her beloved father, Benjamin Rinzler.
Dr. Morris M. Podolsky, in honor of his birthday.
Dr. Brian Pollack, in memory of his beloved mother, Vera E. Pollack.
Mrs. Elaine Polson, in memory of her beloved brother, Theodore Siegel.
Mrs. Ruth Pordy, in memory of her beloved mother, Vera Gansberg.
Mr. Robert Price, in memory of his father, Solomon.
Mrs. Helen Raticoff, in memory of her beloved sister, Sadie Rosenblatt.
Lynn & Carol Ratner, in memory of Paul Schlesinger.
Mr. David Revasch, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Joan Rosen, in memory of her beloved father, Louis K. Bleecker.
Sandra & Herman Rosen, in honor of Rebecca Rosen's graduation.
Mrs. Phyllis Rosenberg, in memory of her beloved father, Maurice Moreida.
Janet Weisberg Samuels, in honor of Rabbi Kenneth Stern.
Mrs. Sondra Schaeffler, in honor of her birthday.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for SEPTEMBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY **Schedule of Hours:** Mondays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Tuesdays 10:30 am to 6:30 pm Wednesdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Thursdays 12:30 pm to 8:30 pm		ECC = Early Childhood Center CS = Congregational School CS-PA = Congregational School Parents Association HS = Rabbi Judah Nadich High School	**1**	**2** 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	**3** 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:04 pm Light Candles	**4** 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
5	**6** Labor Day Synagogue Offices Closed	**7** 8:00 am *Talmud* Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 7:00 pm Hebrew Crash Course	**8**	**9** 8:00 am *Bimah* Basics 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 6:30 pm Congregational Singers 8:00 pm *Bimah* Basics 8:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	**10** Children's Birthday Service 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 6:53 pm Light Candles	**11** 9:15 am Sanctuary Service *Bat Mitzvah* of Hannah Maxine Tannenbaum 9:30 am *Havurah* Service 8:30 pm *Selihot* Program & Service
12	**13** ECC & CS Begin 7:05 am Service & *Selihot* 4:00 pm CS-PA Welcome Coffee 6:00/ 7:30 pm ECC Parents Meetings by Class	**14** 7:05 am Service & *Selihot* 8:00 am *Talmud* Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 4:00 pm CS-PA Welcome Coffee 5:00 pm CS *Gan* Opening Program for Parents & Students 6:30 pm CS *MATAN* Parents Meeting 7:00 pm Hebrew Crash Course	**15** *Erev Rosh Hashanah*- No Classes 7:05 am Service & *Selihot* 6:00 pm *Minha/Maariv* 6:44 pm Light Candles	**16** First Day of *Rosh Hashanah*- No Classes 8:30 am Service 4:30 Tashlich 6:00 pm *Minha/Maariv* 7:43 pm Light Candles	**17** Second Day of *Rosh Hashanah*- No Classes 8:30 am Service 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 6:43 pm Light Candles	**18** *Shabbat Shuvah* 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:00 am CS *Shabbat* Classes Begin 9:15 am Sanctuary Service *Bar Mitzvah* of Joshua Pearl 9:30 am *Havurah* Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation Begins 11:00 am *Nitzanim* Begins
19 Fast of *Gedaliah* 9:00 am Service & *Selihot*	**20** Toddler Program Begins 7:05 am Service & *Selihot* 4:00 pm Bereavement Group	**21** 7:05 am Service & *Selihot* 8:00 am *Talmud* Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln	**22** 7:05 am Service & *Selihot* 4:30 pm HS Opening Event	**23** 7:05 am Service & *Selihot* 4:00 pm CS-PA Welcome Coffee 5:30 pm CS *Alef* Opening Program for Parents & Students	**24** *Erev Yom Kippur*- No Classes 7:05 am Service & *Selihot* 1:30 pm *Minha* 6:30 pm *Kol Nidre* Service 6:31 pm Light Candles	**25** *Yom Kippur* No Classes 9:00 am Service 2:45 pm *Yizkor* Lower Level 3:00 pm *Yizkor* Main Sanctuary 7:25 pm Fast Ends
26 10:00 am *Sukkah* Art Decorating Project 12:00 pm *Lulav* & *Etrog* Shopping w/ Rabbi Stern*	**27** 11:00 am Sisterhood Book Discussion Group Begins 7:30 pm WEG Board Meeting	**28** 8:00 am *Talmud* Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern	**29** *Erev Sukkot*- No CS or HS Classes 12:00 pm ECC Dismissal 5:45 pm Service 6:30 pm High School *Sukkah* Dinner*	**30** *Sukkot*- No Classes 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Service 5:45 pm Service 6:30 pm Men's Club *Sukkah* Dinner* 7:17 pm Light Candles	**REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM** Monday - Friday at 7:15 am Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 am Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 pm Saturday afternoons at 6:00 pm	

*Reservation required

Listings are accurate as of August 15, 2004. Dates & times are subject to change. Please check with the Synagogue office to confirm calendar information.

A Look Ahead

Men's Club

• Sunday, October 3, 9:45 am - Sunday brunch in the *Sukkah*, with a guest speaker.

• Tuesday, October 19, 7:30 pm - Men's Club New Members Reception and Scotch Tasting.

Men's Club & Young Couples Group

• Wednesday, October 27, 7:00 pm - A discussion of the book, "The Israelis," by Donna Rosenthal.

Mitzvah Day

Sunday, October 24

You and your family will enjoy many rewarding activities, including several new programs. There will be crafts for kids, art projects benefiting Israel for adults, discussions by our clergy, and off-site trips. As always, we will have a blood drive (with cookies baked by the children), coin rolling, and the Flea Market. Check the P.A.S. website for a list of items to donate. To volunteer, please contact Nancy Dolinsky (nancyd@nyc.rr.com) or Heidi Silverstone (hrmm@nyc.rr.com).

Calling All Congregational Authors!

Have you written a book? Are you thinking of writing one? Is one being published before November 2004? If so, we would like to showcase it at the annual Synagogue Book Fair, November 15-18, sponsored by the Congregational School Parents Association. Please contact Rachael First, (212) 794-6555 or rs1st@aol.com; or Susan Edelstein, (212) 517-6217 or sam711@earthlink.net.

WEG

• Sunday, October 17, 11:00 am - Tour the Center for Jewish History and Yeshiva Museum, 15 West 16th Street. $18 cost includes a private guide and coffee cake break.

• Monday October 18, 7:30 pm - Film and discussion: Art Imitates Life: An Israeli Actress (Naomi Ackerman) Confronts Reality

Sisterhood Daytime Book Discussion Group

• Monday, November 8, 11:00 am - *Displaced Persons: Growing Up in America After the Holocaust* by Joseph Berger will be discussed. Please call Renee Waldinger, (212) 860-4308 to join the group, which is sponsored by the Sisterhood, but is open to all P.A.S. members.

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